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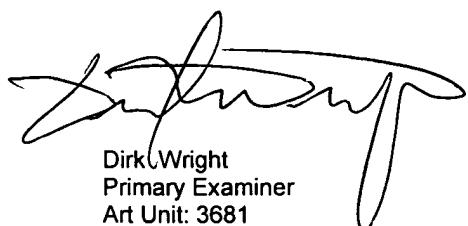
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1. The amendment filed on 19 December 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The references cited by applicant in his Information Disclosure Statement filed December 7, 2005 have been considered and a copy of applicant's 1449 form, initiated by the examiner, is attached. None of the references show all of the features of the claimed invention.



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